



Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

As we are now settling into the new term, the focus in school is back on learning and this week I would like to share some of the key things we are focusing on in school, as well as how you can support children with their learning at home.

We have been working very hard in school on developing further children's writing. You can help at home by supporting your child to write frequently, such as putting their spelling words into sentences or letting their imagination run wild with stories. It is also really important to support them with a good pencil grip and comfortable position when working so they can form letters correctly. We have been really working hard on handwriting across the school, whether this is from early mark-making up to joining letters from Year 2 upwards as they progress through the school. Please take time to talk to your child and see what they are doing to improve their writing in school. We have shared a pencil grip guide for parents with this newsletter to help you to be aware of what may be expected for your child.

As always, reading to and with your child is the most valuable gift. Please take time to share favourite stories, read school reading books, look at books together talking about language that is new or different and get lost in story time together. If you would like any recommendations for books, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> is a great place for age-appropriate stories.

Should you have any questions about how to support your child, or concerns about their progress, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

25th - Governor Day

February

15th - Friends Valentines Disco

19th - 23rd Half term

March

5th - Yr 6 STEAM trip

19th - Tag rugby tournament

26th - Friends Easter Fayre

27th - Last day of term

April

15th - Back to school

17th - Birch class start swimming

24th - Cluster netball St John's

May

1st - KS1 multi-skills Broadland

6th - Bank holiday

13th - 17th - Yr 6 SAT's week

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
Class Attendance	92.31%	92.91%	95.69%	96%
	This week in Oak class we have looked at astronauts- thinking about what we would pack in our bags if we went on a journey to the moon!	In maths this week Year 2 have been practising to divide and multiply, whilst Year 1 have done ordering and writing numbers to 20.	We've been writing our own versions of modern fairy tales based on the Pied Piper of Hamelin, as well as producing art work based on Matisse's Jazz.	Birch have started writing tales of fear. It would be brilliant if they could read some examples at home!

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

The School Council for their hard work and confidence in delivering an assembly on playground behaviours



Class Gold Book Award Winners

Oak - **Lilly** for her willingness to write sentences during phonics and literacy

Sycamore - **Amber** for her efficiency in completing all work she is set

Conifer - **Conifer Class** for excellent progress in multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

Birch - **Eva**, for always putting 100% effort into every lesson and for making outstanding progress!

School Council

We will be discussing fundraising ideas next week and making plans for this year.

House Points

1st - 293 Honeysuckle

2nd - 268 Bluebell

3rd - 249 Poppy

4th - 185 Buttercup

Tunstead Friends

The friends had a very busy meeting planning this terms events and we think there is something for everyone.

The valentine disco will be **Thursday 15th February** after school. Look out for the poster and email soon.

We are planning our first jumble sale in March so will be looking for donations to sell nearer the time. Date to follow.



Another date for your diaries we will be holding an Easter hunt after school on **Tuesday 26th March**.

If anyone has any left over Christmas wrapping paper you would like to donate then we are collecting it ready for the Christmas shop later in the year. Please give to one of the friends or drop off at the office.



Forest School

Sycamore Class have been comparing the scenery of Norfolk to Scotland. We talked about how mountainous Scotland is compared to the flat landscape of Norfolk. We also learnt how the Norfolk Broads was formed hundreds of years ago.

Oak Class enjoyed tidying up the garden with Heidi and playing on the new ropes

Please ensure all children have warm waterproof clothing